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IT was with great ſatisfaction that I attended to the declaration of war againſt France, having for above a twelve-month paſt been ſenſibly hurt in my own private property by the people of that nation. Yet injured as I was, I concealed my reſentment while there was the leaſt expectation of peace, that it might not be ſaid of me I had contributed, by any complaints of my own, to the involving my country in a hazardous and expenſive war.

EVERYBODY

EVERYBODY knows, that till within theſe two years, or thereabouts, it was a general faſhion for the ladies to wear hair upon their heads; and I had piqued myſelf not a little on the thoughts that theſe my papers had been of conſiderable ſervice towards curling the ſaid hair. I had indeed long ago diſcovered, that very few ladies of condition could ſpare time and attention enough from the various avocations of dreſs, viſiting, aſſemblies, plays, operas, Ranelagh and Vauxhall, to read over a paper that contained no leſs than ſix pages in folio; but as the demand for the WORLD was ſtill very conſiderable, I contented myſelf with knowing that I was every week adorning their heads, though I could not be permitted to improve their underſtandings; and it was a particular pleaſure to me in all public aſſemblies, to think that the fineſt faces there were indebted to the goodneſs of my paper for ſetting them off. So long as the faſhion of hair continued (and to ſay truth, I never ſo much as dreamt that it was ſo ſoon to change) I depended on the cuſtom of the fair and polite; but by the inſtigation of French hair-cutters, whom the miniſters of their monarch have ſent to this metropolis in pure ſpite to me, the ladies have been prevailed on to cut their hair cloſe to their temples, to the great diminution of the ſale of theſe papers.

IT was formerly a very agreeable amuſement to me to look in at Mr. Dodſley's on a Thurſday morning, and obſerve the great demand for theſe my lucubrations; but though the ſame demand continues among the men, I have frequently the mortification of hearing a ſmart footman delivering a meſſage in the ſhop, "that his lady deſires Mr. Dodſley will ſend her "in no more WORLDS, for that ſhe has cut off her "hair, and ſhall have no occaſion for them any longer."

NOBODY

Nobody will, I believe, make the leaſt doubt that my principal view in this work was to amend the morals and improve the underſtandings of my fellow-ſubjects; but I will honeſtly confeſs, that ever ſince the commencement of it, I have entertained ſome diſtant hopes of laying up a fortune ſufficient to ſupport me in my old age; and as money is at ſo low an intereſt, I intended making a ſmall purchaſe in ſome retired and pleaſant part of England, that I might have devoted my labours to the cultivation of land, after having weeded men's minds of whatever choaked the growth of virtue and good manners. This I do not yet deſpair of effecting, as I am not without hopes that while we are at open war with France, the ladies will conceive ſuch a diſlike to the faſhions of their enemies, as to let their hair grow again. If this cannot ſpeedily be brought about, I muſt be forced to apply to the miniſters for ſome lucrative employment, in return for that indulgence and complaiſance which I have at all times ſhewn them. It is impoſſible for me to conceive that my merits have been overlooked, though they have hitherto been unrewarded; and I make no kind of doubt that I need only preſent myſelf at their levees, to be aſked what poſt I would chuſe. They do not want to be aſſured that I am as willing as able to aſſiſt them in all emergencies; or, which is ſtill better, to vindicate their conduct againſt all oppoſers, to ſtifle clamours in their birth, to convert fears to hopes, complaints to approbation, and faction to concord.

But as I do not at preſent recollect any particular poſt of honour and profit that would better ſuit me than another, and knowing that the abuſers of an adminiſtration are firſt to be provided for, I am willing to accept of a

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handſome ſum of money, till ſomething elſe may be done; or if a ſeat in parliament, with a proper qualification, be thought neceſſary for me, I entirely acquieſce, as my eloquence in the houſe muſt be of ſignal ſervice in all critical conjunctures. It would alſo be perfectly agreeable to me, if the government were to take off weekly twenty or thirty thouſand of my papers, and circulate them among their friends; or if they object to ſuch an expence, and ſhould diſcover no inclination to oblige me in any of the particulars abovementioned, I humbly intreat, that in lieu of the depredations made upon me by the French hair-cutters, and in conſideration of my firm attachments to his Majeſty's family and government, orders be immediately iſſued from the lord Steward's office, the board of Green-cloth, or elſewhere, that henceforward all the tarts, pyes, paſtry and confectionary of any kind whatſoever, appertaining to his Majeſty's houſehold, be conſtantly baked upon theſe papers. This would be making me ſufficient amends, and greatly encourage me to continue this uſeful work till a perfect library might be made of it, which otherwiſe muſt have an end before a hundred volumes can be completed.

THAT the miniſtry may entertain juſt notions of the efficacy of my good word, I ſhall here preſent them with ſome few of thoſe offers, which are almoſt daily made me by private perſons.

A LADY who has lately opened a new bagnio in Covent-garden, aſſures me in a letter, that if I will do her the favour to recommend her in the WORLD, I ſhall not only have the run of her houſe, but every one of her young ladies ſhall be obliged to take in my paper as long as it laſts. A grocer in the Strand has ſent me

a pound of his beſt tea, and promiſes to wrap up every ounce he ſells, as alſo all his ſugars and ſpices, in theſe papers, if I will honour him ſo far as to make mention of him in any one of them. He adds in a poſtſcript, that his wife and five daughters, who do a great deal of work, make all their thread-papers of WORLDS.

BUT a more material offer ſtill, and which I have therefore reſerved for the laſt, is contained in the following letter.

TO ADAM FITZ-ADAM,

ESTEEMED FRIEND,

THIS is to acquaint thee that we are makers of pins on the bridge called London bridge, and that we have each of us given a conſiderable portion of money for the good-will of the habitations wherein we make abode: but by an act of the legiſlature lately paſſed, the ſaid habitations are ſpeedily to be pulled down, and their dwellers to be forced to remove to other abodes. If thou art in the leaſt acquainted with traffic, thou canſt not be ignorant of the benefits that accrue from an old eſtabliſhed ſhop, in a ſtreet where the principal dealers in any particular commodity are known to dwell; inaſmuch as when thou wanteſt a ſilken garment for thy wife, thou wouldſt repair to the habitations of Round court or Ludgate hill; or if thy linen was rent, thou wouldſt doubtleſs reſort to Cheapſide or Cornhill: in like manner, if thy help-mate or thy maidens wanted pins, thou wouldſt not fail, if thou wert wiſe, to take thy walk to London bridge. But by the act above-named, thy friends are exiled from their dwellings, and compelled to ſojourn in a ſtrange ſtreet, where even their names are unknown. We therefore requeſt it of thee, if the rulers of the land behold thee with regard, that thou wilt apply thyſelf ſpeedily

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